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***By Hand Delivery***

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: ***Ex Parte Presentation CS Docket Nos. 98-120, 00-96***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206, this letter reports that on November 20, 2003, Roger Ogden, Senior Vice President of Gannett Broadcasting Co. and chairman of the NBC Affiliates Board, Terry Hurley, President of Cordillera Communications and a member of the NBC Affiliates Board, Jay Ireland, President, NBC Television Stations; Bill LeBeau, NBC Senior Regulatory Counsel; and Jonathan Blake, of Covington & Burling and counsel to the NBC Affiliates Board, met with the following persons: Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy and her media legal adviser, Stacy Fuller; Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and his media legal adviser, Johanna Mikes Shelton; Jonathan Cody, media legal adviser to Chairman Michael Powell; Jordan Goldstein, media legal adviser to Commissioner Michael Copps; and, from the Media Bureau, William Johnson, Deputy Bureau Chief, Rick Chessen, Associate Bureau Chief, Digital Task Force, Tom Horan and Jamila Bess Johnson, Legal Advisers, Mary Beth Murphy, Ron Parver, Eloise Gore, Mike Lance, John Wong, Sarah Mahmood, Ben Bartolome, Priscilla Lee and Ben Golant.


The parties discussed the issues addressed in the attached presentation, including the NBC Affiliates' broad support for the planned multicast suite as a means to serve the public and to strengthen individual stations.

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An original and one copy of this *ex parte* letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office as required by Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules. Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions with respect to this *ex parte* letter.

Very truly yours,

  
Jonathan D. Blake  
Attorney for the NBC  
Affiliates Association

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cc: Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Jonathan Cody, media legal adviser to Chairman Michael Powell  
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